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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Diane Salkie
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 105 – May 2021
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015**

Dear Ms. Salkie:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMMP) and the RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

Meetings/Conference Calls

- None.

Correspondence

- On May 12, CPG forwarded the March 2021 Monthly Progress report. The CPG is awaiting a response to its request that the Region reduce the frequency of progress reports from monthly to quarterly.
- May 19, EPA provided comments on *River Mile 10.9 Removal Action; Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Report; Year 5; Lower Passaic River Study Area; May 2020*.

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Work

- CPG initiated revisions to the *River Mile 10.9 Removal Action; Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Report; Year 5; Lower Passaic River Study Area; May 2020.*

(b) Results of Sampling and Tests

- N/A

(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring

- CPG will complete revisions and deliver a revised *River Mile 10.9 Removal Action; Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Report; Year 5; Lower Passaic River Study Area; May 2020.*

(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays

- N/A

If you have any questions, please contact me at 215-806-7688.

Very truly yours,

de maximis, inc.



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